

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 CAIRO 02997 081038Z

14

ACTION OPR-02

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 NSAE-00 NSCE-00

SSO-00 USIE-00 INR-10 RSC-01 USSS-00 SS-15 NSC-10

PM-07 SCS-03 SCA-01 INRE-00 DRC-01 /061 W

----- 045091

O 081005Z OCT 73

FM USINT CAIRO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3919

INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 2997

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR EG

SUBJECT: ARRANGEMENTS FOR POSSIBLE DEPARTURE OF AMERICAN
TOURISTS IN EGYPT

1. AMCONGEN ALEXANDRIA OFFICE DIRECTOR AFRAM HAS INFORMED US THAT ALEXANDRIA PORT IS OFFICIALLY CLOSED FOR ALL VESSELS EXCEPT THOSE HAVING SPECIAL PERMISSION TO ENTER HARBOR. ALEXANDRIA SHIPPING AGENCY (COTTAKIS/ NORTH AFRICAN TRADING COMPAN) HAS ISSUED "SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS" FOR ARRIVAL OF GREEK VESSEL "CYNTHIA," NOW IN PIRAEUS HARBOR, ON OCTOBER 11. COTTAKIS WILL REPORTEDLY HAVE DEFINITE CONFIRMATION TOMORROW, OCTOBER 9, ON "CYNTHIA'S" ARRIVAL.

2. COTTAKIS DID NOT EXPLAIN MEANING OF TERM "SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS". ALEXANDRIA CONGEN BELIEVES THAT COTTAKIS AGENCY, SEEING NEED FOR VESSEL TO ASSIST IN EVACUATION OF FOREIGNERS FROM EGYPT, HAS SOUGHT AND RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM GOE AUTHORITIES TO NEGOTIATE FOR ARRIVAL OF "CYNTHIA."

3. CONCERN AMONGST AMERICAN TOURISTS IN EGYPT IS
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 CAIRO 02997 081038Z

INCREASING AND THEY ARE CALLING AND VISITING THE USINT

IN EVER GREATER NUMBERS.

4. THE POSSIBILITY OF TOURISTS LEAVING VIA "CYNTHIA"
OR OTHER PASSENGER SHIPS SHOULD BE URGENTLY
CONSIDERED IN VIEW OF LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS IN MOVING
APPROXIMATELY 600 TOURISTS FROM UPPER EGYPT AND CAIRO TO
ALEXANDRIA.

5. WE HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY WEST GERMAN EMBASSY
THAT ROAD TO ALEXANDRIA IS OPEN. SO FAR AS WE KNOW,
TRAINS ARE CONTINUING TO RUN.

6. FOR ATHENS: CAN YOU PROVIDE US WITH DETAILS OF
"CYNTHIA'S" PLANS?
SMITH

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 08 OCT 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973CAIRO02997
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS SMITH
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: CAIRO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731045/aaaabgud.tel
Line Count: 75
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION OPR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12 DEC 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <12-Dec-2001 by cunninfx>; APPROVED <04-Jan-2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ARRANGEMENTS FOR POSSIBLE DEPARTURE OF AMERICAN TOURISTS IN EGYPT
TAGS: AEMR, EG
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005